

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minnesota State Senate
Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Date: February 22, 2005
3:00p.m. Room 112 State Capitol

Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	Senator David Tomassoni	Senator Michele Bachmann
Senator Geoff Michel	Senator Tom Saxhaug	Senator Rod Skoe
Senator LeRoy Stumpf	Senator David Hann	

Sen. Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. and announced that the committee would hear testimony regarding SF 180.

Sen. Frederickson introduced SF 180.

The committee first heard testimony in support of SF 180 from Wendy Havisto, Kristoffer Ostenso, and their twins, Nicholas and Victoria. Blane and Sandy Huppert, with their twins, Zachary and Zavier also testified in support of the bill. Joni Tibbetts, and her triplets, Joel, Miariam, and Alex testified in support of the bill.

Grace Schwabb, from the Minnesota School Board Association testified against the bill.

Sen. Bachmann moved an oral amendment to SF180 as follows:

Delete lines 9 to 11, line 12 delete everything before the period.

Insert, "A parent or guardian of twins or higher order multiples may request that the children be placed in the same classroom or in separate classrooms if their children are in the same grade level at the same school. A school must provide the placement requested by the parent or guardian.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Bachmann moved SF 180 be passed to the floor as amended. The motion prevailed.

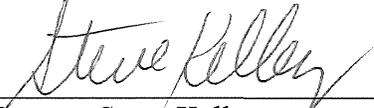
Sen. Wiger introduced SF 419.

Marilyn Leifgren, School Psychologist, Student Services Coalition, testified in support of SF 419.

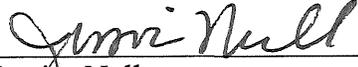
Sen. Skoe moved SF 419 to be passed to the floor. The motion prevailed.

The committee then heard testimony concerning bioscience education. The following individuals testified Mary Rothchild, Assistant Director for Strategic Partnerships & Workforce Development at Minnesota State Colleges & Universities, Mark Wallert, Minnesota State University Professor, Joe Provost, Minnesota State University Associate Professor, Dylan Voge, Student at Minnesota State University, Rosie Mortenson, Dean of Continuing Education and Customized Training, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Rick Kravik, Synovis Interventional, and Christopher Pennell, University of Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The proceedings were audio taped.



Senator Steve Kelley
Chairman



Jessica Null
Legislative Assistant

Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

3:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 112, Capitol

Agenda

I. SF 180: Frederickson

Multiple birth children school classroom placement parental discretion

- Wendy Haavisto & Kristoffer Ostenson (Inver Grove Heights) with Nicholas ("Nicko") and Victoria ("Tori")
- Blane & Sandy Huppert (Woodbury) with Zachary and Xavier

II. SF 419: Wiger

Licensed student support services access

- Marilyn Leifgren, School Psychologist, Student Services Coalition

III. Overview: Bioscience Education (45 minutes)

- Mark Wallert, Professor of Biology, M. S. U. Moorhead
- Joe Provost, Associate Professor of Biology, M. S. U.
- Rosie Mortenson, Dean of Continuing Education and Customized Training
- Rick Kravik, Engineering Manager, Synovis Interventional Solutions

